Third mine at Neyveli

@2492. SHRI M. VINCENT; Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the total estimates of the third mine cut at Neyveli;

(b) what are different sources for the anticipated funds; and

(c) whether Government propose t^ allot sufficient funds s_0 that it is not affected by th_e cost escalation?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) The third mine of Neyveli Lignite Corporation was estimated to cost Rs. 1,208.60 crore(s (exeludiing (.interest during! construction) at December, 1983 prices.

(b) The source of $fund_s$ would be plan allocations as and when they become available. The project has also been posed t_0 USSRi for cooperation.

(c) The feasibility report prepared earlier is being update with $_a$ view to taking up the project in the Seventh Jive Year Plan.

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2493. *[Transferred to the* 26th. *August,* 1987].

Losses incurred by E. C. L. and BCCL

2494. SHRI GAYA CHAND BHUYAN: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some Government undertaking viz. Eastern Coalfields Limited and Bharat Coking Coal Limited have been running into losses for the past *^{ew} y^ears;

(b) whether the Coal India Limited ra_3 proposed to increase the price of eoal to make good the losses;

(c) whether Government have accepted the said proposal; and

(d) if so, $_w$hat are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE); (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The coal prices are constantly kept under review. The question of increase in the prices will be considered an^ a decision taken at the appropriate time. There is no specific proposal from Coal India in thi_s behalf under consideration at present.

Foreign visits by high officers of Public Undertakings

2495. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the number $_0$f foreign visits by high officers of Public Undertakings during the last three years alongwith the names of officers, their designations, undertakings they belong to and the countries visited by them; and

(b) th_e total expenditure incurred including fares and allowances and the number of day_s spent by them in foreign countries?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) and (b) Foreign tours by senior executives of public enterprises are ^{un}" dertaken for bonafide official business. In the case of Chief Executives and Functional full-tim_e Directors, prior approval of the Minister in charge is required to be taken whereas the tour programmes of other executives are approved by the Chief Executives of the concerned enterprises.

Information on the number of foreign visits by high officers of public enterprises, names of th_e enterprises, $name_s$ of the officers with their designations and th_e countries etc. i_s not available and has to be collected from about 225 Central

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Government pub ic sector enterprises. Efforts involved in collecting the information vill not be commensurate wi/th tie results to be achieved.

LPG Connections

2496. D'R- MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI; Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAs be pleased to state:

(a) the numbe$_r$ of persons who requested for the *t* Uotment of LPG connections during the last two years, Statewise;

(b) the number of persons who have been given {as connections during this period, S atewise; and

(c) the number of persons to whom gas connections have been given du^r ing the last two years on the recommendation of Members of Parliament. Statewise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) and (b) The Statewise number of persons in the waiting list as on April 1 of 1986 and 1987 together with the nmbe$_r$ of connections released in the last two years ar$_e$ given i$_n$ the enclosed statement. (See below).

(c.) About 6,680 and 4,430 LPG con nections have been sanctioned °n the recommendations of (Members of Parliament during the calender years 1986 and 1987 (upto 31-7-87) respectively. Statewise data ar$_e$ not main tained in this respect.

Statement

Name of State	No. of persons on waiting for LPG connections		Customers enrolled during	
	As on 1.4.86	As on 1.4.87	1985-86	1986-87
1	2	3	4	5
1. Andhra Pradesh	133367	35213	207081	143929
2. Arunachal Pradesh	1079	1252	796	488
3. Assam	7861	10324	7736	8395
4. Bihar	39611	34904	34596	52839
5. Gujrat	545855	465495	178059	195330
6. Haryana	191308	206406	38823	49651
7. Himachai Pradesh	12185	14068	11707	12011
8. Jammu & Kashmir	32000	22262	15087	20171
9. Karnataka	7748	11875	76691	68120
10. Kerala	3597	3731	77406	63382
11. Madhya Pradesh	158710	133606	128497	86881
12. Maharashtra	792366	666057	320166	304671
13. Manipur	—	400	757	1036
14. Meghalaya	1616	467	191	984